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From: Dale Harber <dharber@fs.fed.us>
To: "Wayne Hedberg" <waynehedberg@utah.gov>
Date: 10/23/2006 3:50:56 PM
Subject: Re: response_draft_submittal4_10_19_06.doc

Wayne:

Here are copies of the letters from North Emery Water Users. Let me know if you need anything else.

Dale

(See attached file: NEWUSSD Comment 2.pdf)(See attached file: NEWUSSD Comment 1.pdf)

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"Jim Smith" <JIMDSMITH@utah.gov>, "Joe Helfrich" <JOEHELFRICH@utah.gov>, "Steve Christensen" <STEVECHRISTENSEN@utah.gov>
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Dale, Thanks for sending these comments up out way too. We sent our comments to Mark on Friday afternoon as well. Hope you received a copy via Jim's email to Mark.

On another matter, Steve Christensen said he was approached after our recent water user meeting in Castledale by a member of Emery Co. H2O users group. He was upset that they haven't been part of the review process concerning the Bear Cyn lease expansion. He told Steve they have filed a protest with your office. If true, would you mind sending us a copy so we're up to speed on their concerns please? This kind of hit us out of the blue as we thought we had all the concerned water user parties involved.

Thanks for your help,
Wayne

>>> Dale Harber <dharber@fs.fed.us> 10/20/2006 10:48 AM >>>

Mark:

Here are our comments to your responses. Please let me know if you
have
any questions.

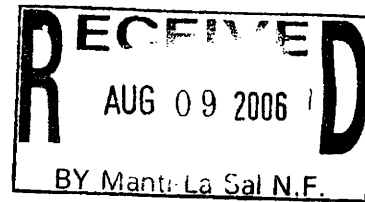
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North Emery Water Users' Special Service District _____

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August 7, 2006



U.S. Forest Service
Ferron/Price Ranger District
599 West Price River Drive
Price, Utah 84501

Attention: Eilleen F. Richmond


Dear Ms. Richmond

In response to the Letters we received from your office dated July 6th, 2006 File code 282040 addressing the extending of Bear Canyon permit boundary to add the following Federal leases: 60 acres of lease U-024316, 2196.09 acres of lease u-61049, 1400 acres of lease u-46484, 1108.27 acres of u-61048, and 2740 acres of private property. The Board of Directors of North Emery Water met in their regular meeting on August 3rd to discuss the extending of this permit.

The Board of Directors strongly oppose any mining that is up gradient from our Birch Springs. North Emery feels that the quantity of Birch Springs has already decreased significantly due to mining activity in that area. In 1984 when Birch Spring was developed the flow was 70 G.P.M. The flow of Birch Spring today is 18 G.P.M. North Emery also feels that the quality of water in Birch Spring has been compromised because of the 8,768 lbs. of lead and other contaminants that were left in the old mine works.

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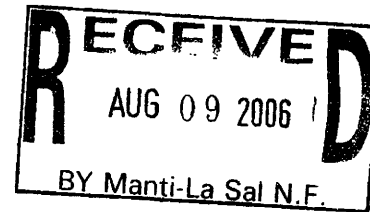
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Randall Bell- Chairman
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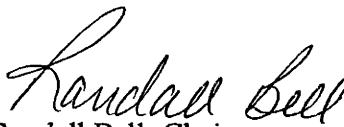
In response to the Letters we received from your office dated July 27th 2006 File code 2820-4/1950. To mine in the tank seam as well as the upper and lower Hiawatha seams.

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